Radhepur Power Project

5321 SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE :
SHRI CHITRASEN SINKU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent any proposal to the Union Government for setting up of a power project of Radhepur;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Union Government have cleared this project; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Mid Term Review of Eighth Plan

5322. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has undertaken mid term review of Eighth Five Year Plan and has found that social development is unsatisfactory;

(b) whether the Government are satisfied with the efforts being made in regard to primary education, women education, public health services, training to weaker sections and providing housing facilities to the people of lower income group; and

(c) if so, the reasons of position of India to be same as before in human development index despite the various efforts being made by the Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (c) Planning Commission had undertaken an internal excercise for Mid-term Appraisal of the Eighth Plan. The draft Mid-term Appraisal document showed improvement in the indicators of Social Development over the years. Despite improvement in the indicators of Social Development, India lags behind in comparison to a number of developing countries in human development index, mainly due to large differentials in indicators across States, large variations between Rural and urban Areas, gender disparities and due to wide gaps between the need and the availability in the Country.

[English]

New Employment Scheme

5323. SHRI E. AHAMED : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Governemnt have implemented any employment schemes in urban areas of Kerala in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the existing employment schemes for youths undertaken by the Union Government during the last five years in the State; and

(d) the number of persons benefited in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the recent past a new scheme namely, the Prime Minister's Integrated urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMI UPEP) has been launched in November, 1995. PMI UPEP has a component of self employment through setting up of micro-enterprises. The maximum unit cost under this component is Rs. one lakh and the maximum allowable subsidy is 15% of the project cost subject to a limit of Rs. 7,500. The beneficiary is required to contribute 5% of the project cost as margin money. A sum of Rs. 263.20 lakhs has been released as Central share for the year 1995-96 for the Programme to the State.

(c) The Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment has been implementing the Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) since October, 1989 in the country, including the State of Kerala, with the objective of generating self-employment and wage employment opportunities.

(d) The number of persons assisted under the scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME), which is a component of NRY, since the inception of the scheme in Kerala is 22,727. Under SUWE and SHASU components of NRY, 56.22 lakhs mandays of work have been generated.

[Translation]

Solar Energy

5324. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct a research on the Solar Energy and power alcohol battery operated engines of vehicles as an alternative of Petrol in view of the increasing consumption of petrol in India; and

(b) if so, the time by which this work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Government has undertaken R & D and demonstration projects for alternate fuels/fuel systems for surface transport. These include demonstration project, which was taken up in Delhi under which 93 petrol vehicles of National Capital Territory of Delhi were operated with a blended fuel of 90% petrol and 10% monoxide anhydrous ethanol. This project demostrated reduction in carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emission in exhaust gas by 30% to 50%, besides reducing consumption of petrol. Another project is underway of State Transport Undertakings for reducing consumption of diesel and smoke emissions. Operation of battery operated vehicles has been taken up in Delhi for carrying passengers in congested areas and Govt. officials in CCO-North Block route. Incentive scheme for industrial and passenger battery operated behicles is also being taken up for various beneficiary organisations, including State Nodal Agencies, cooperative societies, public sector Undertaking, private limited companies etc.

Accommodation to Voluntary Organisations

5325. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any criterion has been fixed in the allotment of General Pool accommodation for the social voluntary organisations and social workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of such social and voluntary organisations and social workers and other persons to whom accommodation has been allotted and the dates when such allotment were made to them and the criterion thereof; and

(d) the names of the persons/organisations to whom such accommodations have been allotted during the year 1994-95 and 1995-96 and whether all aspects have taken into account while making these allotments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) there are no guidelines for allotment to Social Voluntary Organisations. Allotment is made with the specific approval of competent authority on merits of each case. Guidelines for allotment of General Pool Accommodation to Social Workers are given in Statement attached.

(c) and (d) Information is being compiled will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT

Guidelines for Allotment of General Pool Accommodation to Miscellaneous Categories (Persons Engaged in Useful work of National Standing)

(a) Upto 10 houses in all as per existing decision may be allotted to these categories of persons who are engaged in useful work of national standing provided :-

(i) he/she or any member of the family or dependent does not own houses or plot of land in Delhi;

(ii) the case is specifically recommended by the concerned Ministry with the approval of the Minister-Incharge;

(iii) total income of person from all sources is not more than Rs. 3,000/- p.m.;

(iv) the type of accommodation would be restricted to type-D.

(v) licence fee should be charged under FR-45-B with departmental charges;

(vi) the person concerned should not be in regular employment under the Government or any other semi-Government/private organisation;

(vii) the duration of allotment would be for three years and no extension beyond this period should be allowed.

Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme

5326. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to refer to USQ No. 2365 dated July 31, 1996 and state :

(a) the details of names of schemes recommended and amount recommended and dates of schemes submitted to the district administration fo Palamu and Garhwa by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament of the Palamu Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar in the Tenth Lok Sabha;

(b) the reasons for clearance of only 76 schemes out of 139 schemes submitted to the Palamu Administration;

(c) the date on which the model code of conduct for election came into effect;

(d) the date on which the administrative clearance was given to 76 recommended schemes by the above administration;

(e) the time to be taken for providing technical and administrative clearance for any scheme after being received by the district administration;